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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 25 May 1982

The Director chaired the meeting.

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The Director noted that his testimony before the SSCI 24 May on Central America seemed to be well received.

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The Director said he expects the counterintelligence capabilities study to be ready by mid-June and that he would like to see a draft of the study the first week of June. McMahon said all inputs are due to the Intelligence Community Staff by 28 May and he sees no problem in getting the Director the draft early on.

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The Director noted he has been reviewing the estimate process and emphasized the importance of maintaining a continuing evaluation of our capability to monitor strategic arms agreements. His attention was called to the 1979 IIM on this subject, and there followed a discussion regarding the philosophy of the IIM vs. the NIE.

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[redacted]

Fitzwater reported the Agency has saved [redacted] this quarter by using government travel requests. It appears that the Agency is saving at least [redacted] each quarter by using these. (C)

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Clarke (for OGC) noted Justice Department has reversed an earlier decision and now says CIA can use profits gained by its proprietaries to cover operating expenses of these proprietaries. [redacted]

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[redacted] noted the House will vote sometime next week on the Conference Report on the Identities Legislation. [redacted]

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Gates noted the President has established the Crisis Pre-Planning Group which will be chaired by Bud McFarlane and which will be composed of representatives from NSC, DoD, CIA, Treasury, and State. The Group will try to deal with potential crises early enough to give the SSG and the President an opportunity to react before their options are limited. The Pre-Planning Group will be supported by IGs which will be small and operate at the Assistant Secretary level. Gates explained that for the most part the IGs will be conducting analysis, although it is possible that once in a while options for covert action and for collection will be prepared. Gates recommended that regardless of whomever attends these IGs, that upon return to the Agency, the attendee get together with his counterparts in the DDO, NIC, or DDI for necessary coordination. [redacted]

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Lipton reported the House Appropriations Committee 1982 Supplemental hearing went well and that although the Committee wants to cut in some places, the Agency is in good shape. In response to the Director's question, Lipton said the Senate will not act on the Supplemental until after the House mark-up is completed. [redacted]

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Lipton said the OMB had approved an increase of [redacted] FTE positions for the year-end ceiling, and that this will accommodate our need for authorization to exceed our ceiling by [redacted] positions. [redacted]

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[redacted] noted the recent advertisements for CIA applicants have generated quite a bit of media interest. A general discussion ensued on whether this was good. [redacted]

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As a result of concern about discussion of sources and methods in the press expressed to the DDCI during a recent trip, Admiral Inman directed the IC Staff to task the Security Committee on a priority basis to have an assessment by COB on 3 June. This assessment should look at leaks to the media, information released to the media through these leaks, and the amount of damage being done to the Community because of the release of information. [redacted]

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Admiral Inman noted that the materials prepared for his presentation at the NSC on START on 21 May were excellent and allowed him to provide the meeting with some good insight on how to proceed on START.

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The Director announced that Les Dirks would be leaving his present position to return to private industry.

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